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Title: Need to expedite the widening and construction work of National Highway No.47 between Ankanali and Mannuthy, Kerala.

* SHRI LONAPPAN NAMBADAM (MUKUNDAPURAM) : When the construction work of the four lane NH 47 between Ankamali to Mannuthy is completed, all traffic movement at Chalakkudy Municipal junction will come to a stand still. All important Government officers, Educational institutions and the Railway station are situated on the western side of the highway.

Other important offices, trade and commercial centers, hospitals and places of worships are on the eastern side of the highway. The highway, thus divides Chalakkudy town into two halves. Hundreds of buses on the Chalakudy-Mala route passes through Chalakudy Municipal junction. Therefore, a flyover or underpass needs to be constructed at the Municipal junction. In the event an underpass is constructed by the Centre Government, the State Government has promised to provide, an approach road. A flyover or underpass is essential for the development of the entire Mukundapuram constituency.

In NH 47 between Ankamali to Mannuthy the acquisition procedures should be completed and the four lane construction should be speeded up. Those land owners, whose lands have been acquired, should be compensated as per the market rates of the land.

On the subject, a memorandum signed by three MPs, five MLAs and the Municipal Chairman was submitted to you, during the National Highway Development meeting held in Delhi on May 3rd 2007 in which Cabinet Ministers and MPs took part. Thus issue has been presented earlier also on the floor of the house. We request a favourable action from the Minster.

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